

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS

October 24, 2005

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING October 23, 2005 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: October 24, 3PM - There were 7 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 33% very short, 44% short, 23% adequate, and 0% surplus.

CROPS: While dry conditions aided in harvesting field crops, they have slowed winter wheat planting and germination in many areas. Some wheat that has emerged is showing little growth due to dry conditions. Apple harvest continued. Pecan groves being cleaned up in preparation for harvest. Cool season forages need rain state wide. Armyworms reported as a continuing problem in pastures and newly emerged wheat fields. Plastic culture strawberries were planted in Sharp county.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported to be in good condition with the slight improvement credited to the rains following Rita. Spring-born calves being sold due to lack of feed for winter. Some cattle being sold due to shortage of pastures and hay. Fields drying out again. Cool season forages have not provided much feed as yet. Armyworms were a problem in some counties.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SOYBEANS									
Yellowing	98	97	98	94					
Shedding	95	90	92	90					
Matured	91	80	85	63					
Harvested	75	62	63	57					
SORGHUM									
Harvested	99	97	100	99					
COTTON									
Harvested	88	73	55	62					
RICE									
Harvested	97	94	98	97					
WINTER WHEAT									
Planted	56	32	16	32					
Emerged	20	7	8	15					
HAY- OTHER					24	37	31	7	1
HAY-ALFALFA					17	41	40	2	0
PASTURE & RANGE					28	30	33	9	0

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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 23, 2005. Temperatures were above normal in all areas. Small amounts of precipitation in some areas of the state. Several reporting stations recorded the high temperature of 92^o and Fayetteville recorded the low temperature of 38^o. Precipitation ranged form a high of .27 inches at Mountain Home to 0.00 inches at several reporting stations.

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: October 23, 2005

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			R A I N F A L L				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING OCT 23	CURR OCT ACCUM.	OCT NORMAL	JAN-SEP	
							2005	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	89	38	5	0.22	0.40	3.74	26.52	34.34
Harrison	87	41	5	0.12	0.15	3.50	26.54	33.11
2 Calico Rock	88	43	5	0.20	0.20	3.61	27.64	33.45
Gilbert	90	41	4	0.00	0.07	3.39	28.41	32.33
Greers Ferry	89	39	4	0.00	0.00	4.21	28.76	36.25
Mountain Home	87	43	6	0.27	0.28	3.14	39.92	32.84
3 Batesville	89	46	7	0.00	0.00	4.00	28.28	34.03
Jonesboro	91	44	6	0.00	0.01	3.89	31.16	33.02
Keiser	92	45	7	0.00	0.02	3.38	33.11	36.75
Newport	90	48	6	0.00	0.00	3.67	26.61	34.86
4 Booneville	90	42	3	0.00	0.30	3.90	29.27	34.54
Clarksville	89	44	7	0.00	0.02	4.13	34.96	33.41
Dardanelle	90	48	7	0.00	0.00	4.19	28.09	34.74
Ft. Smith	92	44	5	0.01	0.01	3.94	26.86	31.74
Mena	89	45	4	0.00	0.02	5.68	27.99	41.81
Ozark	88	41	4	0.03	0.13	3.91	38.34	32.33
5 Conway	89	46	4	0.00	0.00	4.03	31.58	34.61
Hot Springs	92	43	4	0.00	0.00	5.21	33.40	40.99
Little Rock	89	51	6	0.00	0.00	4.25	32.19	36.24
N Little Rock	89	49	3	0.00	0.00	3.81	31.16	35.11
6 Brinkley	88	48	6	0.00	0.00	3.58	34.58	36.10
Marianna	87	46	4	0.02	0.26	3.79	31.95	38.37
Stuttgart	92	46	3	0.00	0.00	3.83	33.77	35.00
7 Hope	90	48	5	0.00	0.00	4.54	27.06	39.00
Texarkana	92	49	4	0.00	0.00	3.87	24.20	33.34
8 Camden	90	45	4	0.00	0.00	4.42	31.41	38.32
El Dorado	90	42	3	0.00	0.10	4.33	25.82	40.18
Warren	88	47	4	0.00	0.04	4.53	36.72	40.39
9 Eudora	92	40	4	0.00	0.00	3.93	30.44	41.56
Pine Bluff	90	48	4	0.00	0.00	4.49	35.48	37.71
Rohwer	89	47	5	0.00	0.07	3.38	37.51	37.61